

Georgetown City Council Meeting
June 13, 2011
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Georgetown City Council was called to order by Mayor Everett Varney, with all members present except Bonnie Skinner and Larry Prather arrived at 6:06 p.m. After a moment of silence, Brad Penn led the pledge.

1. Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Lusby, second by Councilman Penn to approve the minutes of May 11, 2011, May 17, 2011, May 23, 2011 May 25, 2011, May 31, 2011 and June 2, 2011. **Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Acknowledgement receipt of bills:

Mayor Varney requested council to acknowledge receipt of bills. **Council acknowledged receipt of bills.**

3. Public Comments:

Kitty Dougoud, Historic Georgetown Director, informed of Georgetown being the only town in Kentucky that was to compete in The National Trust for Historic Preservation 2011 Community Challenge, "This Place Matters". Mrs. Dougoud requested everyone to go to the website and vote for Historic Georgetown/SCAC. Mrs. Dougoud also requested approval to submit a letter of intent to the Kentucky Arts Council for a new statewide program called the "Cultural District Certification Program". The program designates communities with concentrations of amenities and local attractions, as cultural districts. **Motion by Councilman Thompson, second by Councilwomen Tackett for approval to submit a letter of intent. Motion unanimously approved.**

Mike Hockensmith, Jack Conner and Tom Prather, from Scott United, addressed council expressing the importance of Scott United and for the city to continue to fund and support Scott United.

Milton and Ann Adams, from Cry Out America, a group of Christian believers across the nation who unite at their county courthouse to cry out in prayer for a new Christ awakening in their community, requested court square and Court Street be closed September 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Cry Out America event. **Motion by Councilwomen Tackett, second by Councilman Thompson to approve the closing Court Street and Square September 10, 2011. Motion unanimously approved.**

Ashlee Wiley, from Nurses Registry, invited the council, mayor and citizens to an appreciation celebration to the Scott County community and farewell for Eltina Barrett, Discharge Planner, from Georgetown Community Hospital. Thursday, June 16, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. – 2: 00 p.m. at Royal Springs Park. Judy Rembacki addressed council concerning the last time she came before council concerning council's benefits and expressed her disapproval of the mayor's comment that she was not a city resident, property owner and could not vote in city elections. Mrs. Rembacki stated she was a consumer in the city and that the county, which she is a resident of, contributes too many different city agencies.

Steve Price, citizen, expressed his concern of government distracting from home life (families), stating you should serve your family not government. Mr. Price also stated he felt there was an error on Ordinance No. 07-023, concerning the residential dwelling code.

Earlica Harris, concerned citizen, expressed her concerns about racism in the city of Georgetown and feels nothing is being done in the Boston Area. Mrs. Harris also stated she felt the cabin in Royal Springs Park, should be moved to the Boston Area and that she is being treated unfairly by the director of the Maple Grove Cemetery.

4. Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Varney informed council of an informational letter from Time Warner Cable, being in their packet.

Laurie Raisor, Deputy City Clerk, presented the reading of *an executive order effective immediately appointing Christopher Cool to the Georgetown Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term of Horace Winn, which term expires on December 31, 2012.* **Motion by Councilman Thompson, second by Councilman McEuen to approve Executive Order No. 11-016. Motion unanimously approved.**

Mayor Varney thanked Georgetown Firefighters Wade Calvert, Matthew Marshall, Todd Monroe, Revel Oliver, David Raisor and Chad Smith for going to Joplin, Missouri to help with search and rescue after Joplin's devastating tornado.

5. City Attorney/City Clerk: Municipal Order No. 11-006-Settlement agreement and release:

Laurie Raisor, Deputy City Clerk, presented the reading of *a municipal order approving a settlement agreement and release and authorizing the mayor to execute the same.* **Motion by Councilman McEuen, second by Councilman**

Thompson to approve Municipal Order No. 11-006, with a correction in the amount on page 2 of 5 section 2 to \$1, 311.67. Motion unanimously approved.

Logan Askew, City Attorney, questioned council on another grievance asking council how they would like to proceed. Council agreed 6-1, with Councilman Penn disagreeing, for Rodney Vinegar, Human Resource Director, to gather further information and get back with Council, ultimately it is an administrative decision and council can only make a recommendation to the mayor concerning the grievance.

6. Discussion of Mayor's Proposed Budget:

Public Works – Eric Larson requested four changes in line items: line 230 add \$1,000.00, line 305 add \$10,000.00, line 355.10 add \$200.00 line 388 add \$4,800.00. **Council approved changes.** Terry Thomas, Public Works, stated public works provides quality service to the community and that employees have taken a hard hit the past four years. Mr. Thomas presented a packet to council concerning the daily assignment activity report, tons per day and employee, mowing expenditures and pictures showing the amount of garbage some citizen set out. **Council agreed by a show of hands to approve public works budget at \$1,191,600.00, except Councilman Mark Singer.**

Sanitation – Terry Thomas asked to change the sanitation supervisor position to a group leader to save money. Mr. Thomas also asked for a new garbage and gripper truck. **Council agreed by a show of hands to approve the sanitation budget at \$1,413,500.00, with a new gripper truck and automated garbage truck to be purchased.**

Building Inspection- Jim Burgess, Building Inspection Director, informed council of the projected revenue for May and June being \$190,000.00 and that commercial projects and remodeling improvements had increased. **Council agreed by a show of hands to approve building inspections budget at \$393,500.00, which would not fund the temp employee (mowing).**

City Administration- Council agreed by a show of hands to approve the city administration budget at \$1,174,650, which would include funding the legal secretary position, HR specialist and increased the administration department budget, except Councilman Mark Singer.

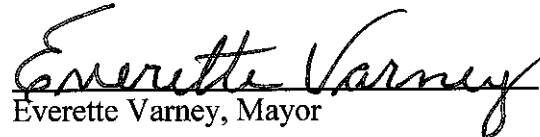
City Clerk- Betty Pendergrass, Finance Director, explained that the City Clerk had reorganized her budget to shift costs among existing line-items to improve efficiency and expand services performed by the department staff. In addition, the City Clerk is now assisting the Finance Department with revenue collections, improving segregation of duties, and providing staff back-up for

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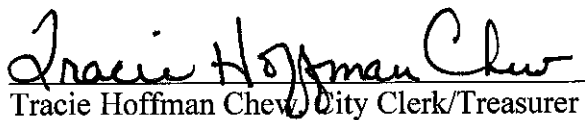
key positions in finance. **Council agreed by a show of hands to approve the city clerk's budget at \$215,700.00.**

**Motion by Councilman Singer, second by Councilman McEuen to adjourn meeting.
Motion unanimously approved.**

APPROVED BY:


Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:


Tracie Hoffman Chew, City Clerk/Treasurer